

Washington, D.C.

Trivia Quiz

When reaching Cactocin Furnace or the Cactocin Zoo, you will be about three miles from the “rustic” presidential retreat or official residence outside of Washington, D.C.

1. What is the name of this retreat?
2. In which state is it located?
3. It was named after the grandson of which President?
4. Interstate Route 495 is a four-lane superhighway that encircles Washington, D.C. It is also known by this name which references this “encircling” attribute.

This horizontally striped hotel complex opposite Theodore Roosevelt Island was the site of the 1972 break-in to the office of the Democratic National Committee. This event eventually led to the downfall of the President elected in 1972.

5. What is the name of this hotel complex?
6. What President was elected in 1972 and was no longer President by August 1974?
7. By what means/method did he leave the position of the Presidency?

The Iwo Jima Memorial commemorates:

8. Which branch of the military service?
9. The flag raising on this island _____ and its highest point called Mt. _____.
10. The fight against this country _____ in this war _____.
11. The end of fight at this location? True or False

Arlington National Cemetery:

12. Originally belonged to this well-known military general’s wife’s family.
13. This general’s wife’s family (Custis) was actually related to what other famous “Washington” wife?
14. How was the land for Arlington Cemetery obtained by the federal government and why?
15. What two Presidents are buried in Arlington?

The world’s largest office building has five sides, five stories and five rings of corridors and is located in Arlington, Va.

16. By what name is it known?
17. Houses the offices of this Cabinet Department.
18. Was struck on this geographic side by a plane on September 11, 2001.

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19. What river do you cross to reach Washington, D.C. from Virginia?
20. What is the significance of the District of Columbia in the term Washington, D.C.? What is the “political” designation of the District of Columbia (What is it)?
21. For whom is the District of Columbia named?
22. What does the flag of the District of Columbia look like?
23. The large open expanse of grass that stretches from the Capitol Building to the Lincoln Monument, around which are located the many monuments and museums of Washington, D.C. is known as the _____.
24. The cherry trees for which Washington, D.C. is famous were a gift from which country? When?

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25. The site of a successful Presidential assassination took place between the west side of the present day National Gallery of Art and Constitution Avenue (SW corner of 6th & Constitution). What type of building stood in that place and who was the president?
26. What street or avenue connects the “residences” of two of the three branches of government?
27. Numbered streets in Washington, D.C. “run” in this direction. Lettered streets “run?”
28. Who is Pierre L’Enfant?

The Capitol

29. The “west front” of the Capitol faces what landmark?
30. What quadrennial event takes place here?
31. What is the difference between the Nation’s Capital and the Nation’s Capitol, when used in reference to Washington, D.C.?
32. What is now known as Capitol hill was first known as _____ and was chosen as the site for Congress due to its elevated prominence.
33. Directly beneath the floor of the rotunda, at the nodal center of Washington, D.C., exists “The Crypt.” What was expected to be entombed there?
34. What is the name given to the figure on the top of the Capitol dome?
35. Which side of the Capitol (north or south) houses the House of Reps? Senate?
36. Which aspect of the Capitol was under construction during the Civil War and is now depicted on the back of some 2009 pennies?

The White House

37. What is the address of the White House?
38. Why and when did the “President’s Mansion” become known as the White House?
39. In which side of the White House are the operations of government conducted?
40. In which portion of the White House is the Presidential residence found?
41. Where do the TV news reporters stand when making their “remote feeds” from the White House?
42. Who was the first President to reside in the “Presidential Mansion?”
43. The site of many protest rallies directed against the President, Lafayette Park is named in whose honor?

The Treasury Building

44. The Treasury Building adjacent to the White House also houses the Secret Service and is depicted on what U.S. currency?
45. Whose statue is located on the south front of the Treasury Building?

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Monuments

46. Yoshino is the type of _____ found around the Tidal Basin.
47. Why is the Washington Monument constructed of two different colors of limestone?
48. What is the significance to the “wedge” shape of the Vietnam Memorial Wall?
49. What Berwick native is memorialized on the Vietnam Memorial Wall?
50. How many steps to ascend the east face of the Lincoln Memorial?
51. How many columns surround the Lincoln Memorial? What do they represent?
52. What two speeches are immortalized within the Lincoln Memorial? What themes do they represent?
53. What American stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to deliver a now infamous Civil Rights speech in 1963? Can you find that spot?
54. How many actual soldiers are depicted in the “patrol” of the Korean Memorial? How many did the designer hope you would see if you stood on the north sidewalk and viewed the “patrol” as you looked south?
55. What four segments of history are depicted at the FDR Memorial?
56. What “equipment” is depicted in the sculpture of FDR, but is not easily visible? Why is this so?